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THE NEW NATURALIZATION BILL.

The radicals, conscious of the sinking fortunes of their party, are attempting to erect such barriers against the removal of alienage as will perpetually exclude immigrants from the elective franchise. A bill with this nefarious object has been reported by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

We will first point out the temporary effect of this infamous bill, and then explain its permanent operation.

It will be seen that, by this scheme, no foreign-born person can hereafter receive a certificate of citizenship who has not, at a period four years previous, made an application in the form and manner prescribed by the bill. The effect of its passage will be to annul and cancel every declaration of intention heretofore made, but not yet naturalized.

It is not open to the objection that it is a Government in foreign as well as in domestic affairs. That it is its duty to pass judgment in some way he taken for granted. When we turn to the particular questions which presented themselves during Lord Russell's tenancy of the Foreign Office, we see the same postulate implied in his treatment of all of them.

The permanent operation of the bill will be almost equally obstructive. By restricting the authority to grant naturalization papers to the Federal courts, it particularly denies the right to all except those who happen to reside in the immediate vicinity of the very few places where such courts are held, and denies it even to a majority of those who have that advantage.

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Each applicant is thus to be subjected to double or triple travelling expenses, double or triple tavern bills, double or triple loss of time and wages; for he must, of course, pay the expenses of his witnesses as well as his own. And then he can never know how long he may be detained at the distant seat of justice.

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PROTECTION OF THE ISSUE.

The Sun persists in asserting that there are "ten or twelve other Republicans" in the House, in addition to those who voted for Marshall's anti-protective resolves, "who agreed with them in the main proposition, but preferred to get rid of it by an evasive vote."

Concerns here, the public will inevitably take the view of the minority of the committee, of that consideration both of policy and justice demanded that the inquiry be continued till a satisfactory conclusion is arrived at.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT AND THE BOARD OF SURVEY. The naval opinions of so distinguished a sailor as Admiral Farragut cannot fail to have great weight with Congress and the country; and it is, therefore, with much pleasure that we refer to that portion of the admiral's late letter to Mr. Robeson which pleads for a Board of Survey.

Two years ago a cry went up from the navy for the appointment of such a board; one year ago a bill was brought into Congress for its establishment; and yet to-day we find the Navy Department has apparently discarded the project—the House bill, which is well understood to have emanated from the Naval Bureau, entirely ignoring it.

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THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN MYSTERY.

The more we ponder over and compare the majority and minority reports of the Methodist Book Committee, respecting the frauds alleged to have been committed in the Book Concern in this city, the more mysterious does the affair become. Charges of mismanagement and penitence against certain employees of the Concern have been pending before the public for some months past.

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BALLOTS AND BILLETS DOUX FOR THE MORMON WOMEN.

The polygamist wives of Utah and the few women of Wyoming have reached the goal of suffrage far ahead of the freer and more multitudinous women of New York and Massachusetts. Brigham Young, by one bold stroke, has accomplished more than Miss Susan Anthony in fifty years.

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